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WILLIAMSON MURRAY

"The Iran-Iraq War: The War No One Knows About"

Thursday, February 26, 2015, 12:00PM - 1:30PM

Mershon Center for International Security Studies
1501 Neil Ave. Columbus, OH 43201

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Williamson Murray is adjunct professor at the Marine Corps University, having just completed a two-year stint as a Minerva Fellow at the Naval War College. A graduate of Yale University, he taught for two years in the Yale History Department before moving to The Ohio State University as a military and diplomatic historian.

Murray has taught at a number of academic and military institutions, including the Air War College, United States Military Academy, and Naval War College. He has also served as Secretary of the Navy Fellow at Navy War College, Centennial Visiting Professor at London School of Economics, Matthew C. Horner Professor of Military Theory at Marine Corps University, Charles Lindbergh Chair at the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum, and Harold K. Johnson Professor of Military History at Army War College. He served as a consultant with the Institute of Defense Analyses, where he worked on the Iraqi Perspectives Project. In 2008 he completed two years as the 1957 Distinguished Visiting Professor of naval heritage and history at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Recent publications include *The Shaping of Grand Strategy, Policy, Diplomacy, and War*, which he edited with Richard Sinnreich and James Lacey (Cambridge University Press, 2011); *War Strategy and Military Effectiveness* (Cambridge University Press, 2011); and *Military Adaptation in War, With Fear of Change* (Cambridge University Press, 2011). In 2012, he edited with Peter Mansoor *Hybrid Warfare, Fighting Complex Opponents from the Ancient World to the Present* (Cambridge University Press), based on a conference at the Mershon Center.

In 2014, Murray published *Successful Strategies, Triumphing in War and Peace from Antiquity to the Present*, which he co-edited with Richard Sinnreich. At present he is completing an edited manuscript with Peter Mansoor for Cambridge on grand strategy and alliances for publication in 2015.

Abstract

Murray will provide a brief discussion about the Iran-Iraq War in which nearly 1 million Arabs, Kurds, and Iranians perished. The talk will examine the course and consequences of the most costly war in the past 35 years.



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